

# The Weekly Ledger.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29.

It will pay you to read the advertisement in the LEDGER before you buy.

EVERY taxpayer in Mexico should be prepared to vote for the new school building on September 4.

The Mexico Public School opens September 3. Arrange to have your children start on the opening day.

HONORABLES CHAMP CLARK and U. S. HALL will debate the finance question in Mexico September 14.

CORREY and Fitzsimmons will have to look out for their laurels. Somebody is endeavoring to build bull-fights out in Colorado.

The citizens of Audrain County should send their sons and daughters to the M. M. A. and Hardin College, two of the best schools in the country.

READ the advertisements in the LEDGER of both Hardin College and the Missouri Military Academy. Send your daughters and sons to these institutions. There are none better on earth.

AUDRAIN county is going to have some grand reunions in the way of largely attended picnics this fall. Mexico should close the season with the biggest barbecue ever held in the state.

The farmers of Audrain County are in the very best of spirits over the crops which have been raised this season. The attendance at picnics now being held is unprecedented and all express themselves as feeling that an era of good times has come.

No matter what Mr. Waterson says, and no matter what Mr. Bookwater says; if the Democratic party renominates Grover Cleveland the Democratic party will vote for Grover Cleveland. That's the way it is, and Grover Cleveland knows it.

The Alumni of Hardin College, at their meeting Monday night, decided that the proceeds of the lawn fete held in the college campus be diverted from the original purpose to some other object pertaining to the college, that object to be decided in the future.

STATE AUDITOR J. M. SKIBERT has appointed Cash Blackburn, of Vandalla, bond clerk in his office to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. C. Sherrard. Mr. Blackburn is a staunch Democrat and a capable man for such a position.

PROBABLY the worst piece of road in Audrain County lies within two miles of Mexico—the road leading north to the Hardin farm. The overseer of the district is powerless in the matter of fixing it up as it ought to be, because he has no funds. If the County Court will look at this road they will, we feel quite sure, have it graded up so that people can travel over it with safety and comfort. This road would be a disgrace to Ozark or Taney County.

The editor of the Boonville Democrat wrote recently to a personal acquaintance in Columbia, South Carolina, where Dr. Laws, ex-President of the university, is connected with a theological seminary, asking if there was any truth in the rumor that the latter had lost his mind. The man written to replied that there was no foundation for the report. He says Dr. Laws and wife are off on a vacation, and that just before starting Dr. Laws delivered a course of lectures in Columbia which elicited praise and commendation from press and people.

MR. H. C. PHILLIPS, of Mexico, has finished the LEDGER a copy of the San Francisco Argonaut, which contains a long editorial on the financial question and claims that it is the politicians and not the people in California who want to free silver without any international agreement. The editorial is taken from the editorial referred to.

A number of weeks ago the Argonaut suggested the calling of a "monetary convention," the members to be chosen from business and professional men rather than from among politicians. The suggestion "monetary convention" was to be non-partisan, and its object was to ascertain the feelings of the people of California on the question of the national finances and the national currency. We said at the time that California was always cited as a free silver state, yet that the politicians and the daily press seemed to us to assume that the people were in favor of free silver, without any convincing evidence of that fact having yet been presented.

The present silver convention seems to us to be in the same position. It is composed principally of politicians, rather than of business men. It is reinforced by delegates from Nevada—a distinctly silver state, a state whose main product has been silver, and a state which has already committed herself to silver by practically expatriating all Democrats and Republicans, driving both parties out of her borders, and declaring that "every candidate for office in Nevada must be for free silver or get out." This may be the Nevada we know in politics, but it does not strike us as being the American way.

In the States of Kentucky, Ohio and Iowa, where tickets were to be nominated and a full vote of the Democratic party polled, the sound money Democrats were overwhelmingly in the majority. Referring to the contest in Ohio an exchange says:

The Democrats of Ohio had a vigorous ante-convention fight among themselves over the question whether free silver delegates or sound money delegates should be chosen, and the result of the fight was that when the square test vote was taken on the plain question of adopting a 16 to 1 platform, the vote was 270 for 1 and 525 against it. It appears, therefore, that the free silverites command about one-third of the strength of the Ohio Democracy. That was about the proportion of votes they were able to carry to the Iowa and the Kentucky conventions. It probably represents the strength of free silver in these three states, and perhaps not far from the same proportion of voters in the party in the whole country are in favor of 16 to 1 free silver. The greater strength of the cause in some Western and Southern states is offset by the greater opposition to it in the Eastern States.

In the light of these fair and honest tests of strength a moderation of the claims and arrogant demands of the extreme free silver leaders is a patriotic and a party duty. Harris and Voorhees and Bland and Stone, and

# Holmes Writes a Story.

THE KILLING OF ONE OF THE WILLIAMS GIRLS DESCRIBED.

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# HARRY ON THE PROSPECTS.

The Cleveland Talk Discussed—Probable Candidates—The Tariff Issue.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Will F. Harry, chairman of the Democratic national committee, arrived on the American liner Paris this afternoon from England. Regarding national politics he said: "Although Cleveland is a very strong man in his party I think he has no idea of accepting a third nomination for the Presidency. The matter has been talked of a great deal, but it is somewhat premature to expect him to declare himself on the subject just at present. When the time is opportune he will doubtless do so. As it is probable that Mr. Cleveland will decline a third term and Mr. Whitney has declared that he will not accept a nomination, we can look to Stevenson, Vilas, Dickinson, or Carlisle, in many respects Charles would be a strong man. The improved business conditions throughout the country have materially enhanced the position of the Democratic party. I look for still greater improvement in the mercantile conditions. Abroad it is not so. I think that the tariff will be the subject of much discussion. I can only guess what platforms will be adopted for the next campaign. It won't be wholesome for the Republicans to rant on the subject of tariff. It seems to me, however, that the tariff will be the issue of the campaign. I don't believe currency will cut much figure in the campaign. Both parties will be sure to have a sound money candidate."

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# How The Hammonds Died.

MORPHINE, CHLORAL, A HAT PIN USED AS A DAGGER WERE THE INSTRUMENTS.

Takes His Life in a New York Hotel—Jumped Into a Well—Divorced—Man's Despair—Leaped to His Death.

BOSTON, Mass., August 25.—Louis Hammond and his bride, Kathryn, of Des Moines, Ia., who came from New York City, were found dead in a room at the American House, death having resulted from morphine poisoning, furnished one of the most remarkable cases of double suicides ever recorded. It was characterized by coolness and premeditation, and had the unique feature that, before attempting to end their lives, they signed their names to a letter addressed to the Coroner, telling him of what they contemplated, and why they sought self-destruction.

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